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COVID-19 Update

With the latest COVID-19 outbreak news Stockwell International would like to confirm we will continue to operate in New Zealand.

Greater Auckland has gone back into level 3 and the rest of New Zealand has gone back into level 2 lockdown.

Stockwell International would like to remind customers that freight has been deemed an essential service and ports, trucking companies & CFS facilities will continue to operate. In line with the directives from the Government we have activated our Business Continuity Plan and are operating in full capacity with staff members working remotely.

Stockwell's priority is to ensure the health and safety of our staff members and partners, while ensuring a smooth business continuity despite disruptions. Our team is available by email and on their usual office numbers and/or mobile phones remotely.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us on on (+64) 9951 5731 or sales@stockwells.co.nz

Limited Space and Delays

Due to continued schedule omissions and certain services as a whole being taken out of the New Zealand Trade Lane, space on vessels will be at a shortage.

Please ensure to let us know about orders well in advance so space can be allocated in time. There is almost a 3 week waiting time to get space on vessels.

LOS ANGELES - CONGESTION

The Port of Los Angeles has been experiencing unprecedented challenges due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Labor and equipment shortages have impacted intermodal and rail networks in the region for both inbound and outbound freight.

Providing space and gate appointments is becoming increasingly difficult resulting in a bottleneck of freight awaiting departure to inland depots. Freight volumes have also surged and as a result opened. As a result, delays to cargo movement are occurring at both the pier and rail, effecting both import and export cargo movement.

CHINA - CONGESTION, DELAYS & SPACE ISSUES

Sea Freight: Shipping lines have advised that the current space situation In China and the rest of Asia will remain throughout July and beyond. Ships are at capacity and are being overbooked with rollovers extremely high. Please be aware that congestion is at the origin ports too, not just on a vessel. Freight prices are also increasing due to the high-demand for space on vessels and will continue to increase as we come into peak season.

Currently, vessels are being fully booked 2-3 weeks out from the ETD, which is unprecedented for services between Asia and Australia. Therefore, we must stress the importance of being organised and advising Stockwells at least **3 weeks** in advance of the cargo-ready date to enable our staff to plan and book services with available space.

SINGAPORE - CONGESTION

Stockwells has received notice and would like to advise all customers that Singapore still has port congestions ex SIN to AU, it was reported that about 450 containers will be transhipped. For southbound shipments coming to Australian currently within about 8-14 days.

Stockwell International appreciates your patience and if you have any questions please get in contact with your sales representative on (+64) 9951 5731 or sales@stockwells.co.nz

General Rate Increases

We wish to advise the following GRI that effective 1st September 2020 (cargo received date) a General Rate Increase (GRI) will be applied on all cargo moving from the United States and Canada, Korea, China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and all Europe regions to all ports and points in Australia and New Zealand as follow:

FCL:

- **USD \$300/TEU, USD \$600/FEU** for both dry and refrigerated cargo

LCL:

- **USD \$12.00** per W/M or minimum
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Upcoming BMSB Season 2020-2021

Stockwell International would like to remind customers that the up-coming BMSB season will run from September 1st 2020 through to 30th April 2021.

Department of Agriculture and Water Resources have released the latest requirements regarding mandatory pre-shipment fumigation for imports.

The seasonal measures will apply to goods manufactured in, or shipped from, or transship via the following countries:

Albania	Japan
Andorra	Kosovo
Armenia	Liechtenstein
Austria	Luxemburg
Azerbaijan	Macedonia
Belgium	Montenegro
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Netherlands
Bulgaria	Romania
Canada	Russia
Croatia	Serbia
Czech	Slovakia
France	Slovenia
Georgia	Spain
Germany	Switzerland
Greece	Turkey
Hungary	USA
Italy	

Goods arriving in open-top containers or on flat rack containers will be subject to mandatory offshore treatment.

Goods arriving in sealed six hard-sided containers can be treated offshore or onshore at container level.

To ensure compliance with New Zealand government requirements, Stockwells can arrange fumigation services at origin for selected countries, for more information click [here](#), or call your sales representative.



Customer Feedback

If you have any issues you would like to resolve or feedback in general, good or bad, please send an email to feedback@stockwells.com.au. This goes directly to Angela Gambell (Director) for immediate action.

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